

valley's." The Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan Policy states on page 3-13: Goal: Sustaining Agriculture and Rural Character; Objective: Enhance and optimize the productivity of prime agriculture lands; Policy: Yuma County will discourage the conversion of farmland to residential in the Yuma Valley. It is recommended that the wording be changed to "Yuma County will discourage the conversion of farmland to residential in the Yuma Valley".

Page IV-15, 3rd paragraph: Add in refuse pick up and transfer sites.

Page IV-18 Recreation Management, first paragraph, and second sentence: Limit support facilities, such as potable water, restrooms, trash receptacles, and shade structures, also would be provided. Yuma County adopted the 1997 Uniform Building Code definition for fabric shade structures. The County recommends that BOR adopt some standards for fabric shades because the 5 Mile Zone area does experience high wind events from 35 mph to 55 mph that come from tropical storms off the Pacific Ocean and Baja California.

Page IV -12, Public Information and Education , 2nd paragraph and Page IV-13, Recreation Management and page IV-13 Health and Safety all refer to posting of signage. It is recommended that a minimal number of signage structures be placed in the 5-mile zone and that the signage minimize the structure contrast with the environment.

Page V-5, Noise: Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) and Yuma County jointly administer the Yuma Auxiliary Field (AUX-2) Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ). Regulations; this is a noise exposure and compatibility overlay zone that regulates development standards and it affects the most northwest portion of the 5-Mile Zone. The Yuma Auxiliary Field-2 (AUX-2) Air Installation is used by the military for aircraft and vehicle operations. A copy of the regulations and noise overlay map is attached for information purposes. The military operations effect the 5-Mile Zone because noise from explosions, vibrations and high energy and electronic emitters does affect the "nature experience" that some recreationists go to the 5 Mile Zone for.

Page V -16 Transportation: Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan supports the improvement of the Area Service Highway and Avenue E, south of County 23rd to the U.S. Mexico Border. The Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan supports the City of San Luis General Plan Transportation Element to build a principle arterial along Avenue E to the Rolle Airport north eventually meeting with Somerton Avenue. The 2003-2023 Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization Plan also supports the Avenue E project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 5 Mile Zone EA/RMP.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Gallagher".

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